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HEY!

WHOSE COMIC IS  
THIS ANYWAY?

EVRP!



Butt-Ugly Rat  
Productions





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# PRINCESS Sally in ASCENSION



ALL MY LIFE  
I *NEVER*  
HAD A CHOICE.

I WAS BORN HEIR  
TO THE *THRONE*  
OF ACORN AND  
TAUGHT TO BE A  
*QUEEN*  
FROM DAY ONE.

HAVING RECENTLY DISCOVERED  
I HAVE A *BROTHER*, I FOUND  
I WAS NO LONGER CHARGED  
WITH CONTINUING THE *LINE*  
OF SUCCESSION.

HOWEVER, *ELIAS* FELT OTHERWISE,  
AND OFFERED UP THAT WHICH BY ALL  
RIGHTS WAS HIS,

HAVING BEEN GIVEN A  
CHOICE FOR THE *FIRST*  
TIME IN MY LIFE, I KNEW  
I HAD TO DECIDE--

NOTE: THIS STORY TAKES  
PLACE BEFORE THE EVENTS  
IN SONIC #74—EDITOR.

-- WHAT REALLY  
MATTERED TO  
ME.





AFTER A MOMENT'S  
HESITATION,  
I STEPPED INTO  
THE POOL--



--DESCENDING  
DEEPER--



--BECOMING  
ONE--

--WITH THE  
SOURCE OF  
ALL!



IF THIS IS WHAT  
YOU TRULY WISH  
FOR, SALLY--

--THEN  
YOU HAVE MY  
UNCONDITIONAL  
SUPPORT--

--NO MATTER WHAT  
FATHER MAY SAY!



IT WAS MORE  
BEAUTIFUL THAN  
I COULD EVER  
HAVE IMAGINED!

I COULD FEEL  
MYSELF DRAWN  
TO THE  
LIGHT--



--TO MY-- MOTHER?!



MY DARLING DAUGHTER--

--I PRAY YOU GROW UP IN A WORLD THAT NEVER KNOWS ANOTHER WAR!



OH, MOTHER, HOW I WISH THAT WERE TRUE!

I GUESS I WASN'T THE ONLY ONE WHO DIDN'T REALIZE THEIR DREAMS!



BUT NOW THE IMAGES FADE INTO ANOTHER!

ANOTHER MEMORY BECOMES REALITY BEFORE ME--

--AS I WALK THROUGH MY FAVORITE GARDEN ALONGSIDE MY TEACHER!

DO YOU EVER THINK THE WAR WILL END, JULAYLA?



THAT ALL DEPENDS ON WHETHER THE KING CAN REASON WITH THE OVERLANDERS!



BUT WHY WOULD ANY LIVING CREATURE WISH TO HARM ANOTHER?





YOU WISH  
TO KNOW WHY,  
CHILD?

LOOK UP  
IN THAT TREE!  
SEE THE *BUSH*  
FEMUR?

YES!  
IT SEEMS TO BE  
LOOKING FOR  
SOMETHING!



IT'S  
STUDYING THAT  
*GOLDEN*  
WINGSPANNER  
EATING THE WORM  
YOU SEE BEFORE  
YOU!

HOW  
COME?

JUST  
WATCH!

GROSS!!!!  
IT ATE THE  
WINGSPANNER!



AND  
WHY NOT?  
*NATURE*  
HAD  
INTENDED  
IT SO!



SO WHAT HAS THIS  
TO DO WITH US AND THE  
OVERLANDERS?

WE'RE THE  
*GOLDEN WINGSPANNERS*,  
SALLY, AND IF WE DON'T  
FIGHT BACK--





"--THE OVERLANDER BUSH  
FEMURS WILL DEVOUR US!"

AND YOU  
WERE RIGHT,  
JULAYLA--

--MOBIUS  
CAN GET  
UGLY AT  
TIMES!

BUT IS  
THIS WHAT  
THE SOURCE  
OF ALL IS  
ABOUT?

RELEARNING  
LESSONS OF LONG  
AGO?



NO,  
CHILD.

IT IS MORE.  
MUCH MORE.



MORE THAN EVERYONE I  
KNOW AND LOVE?



EVEN MORE THAN THAT, MY  
DARLING DAUGHTER!


YOU ARE EXPERIENCING  
THE SUM TOTAL OF ALL THAT  
CAME BEFORE YOU--




--EVEN THAT BEFORE  
YOU WERE BORN!

BUT ISN'T THE *ACTUAL*  
EXPERIENCE *ENOUGH* TO PREPARE  
ONE FOR WHAT LIES AHEAD?





AFTER ALL, I HAD YOU  
AND ROSIE AND JULAYLA  
SET THE EXAMPLE!



WHAT MORE THAN  
MY *FAMILY* DO I NEED  
TO TEACH ME?

IF I HAD  
MY WAY, SALLY,  
LIFE WOULD  
ALWAYS BE  
BEAUTIFUL AND  
HAPPY FOR  
YOU--



--BUT THE  
WORLD CAN BE A  
DARK AND  
COLD PLACE AT  
TIMES!

IT IS AT  
THOSE TIMES THAT  
A *MONARCH* IS  
CALLED UPON TO  
MAKE THE *TOUGH*  
AND *RUTHLESS*  
CHOICES!

I HAD  
HOPED I COULD  
SPARE YOU AND  
YOUR BROTHER  
THIS!

UNFORTUNATELY, ONE OF  
YOU *MUST* TAKE MY PLACE  
SOME DAY, JUST AS I WAS  
CALLED UPON TO REPLACE  
MY FATHER!

MY *BROTHER*! WHY  
IS IT YOU NEVER *TOLD* ME  
ABOUT *HIM*, FATHER?



BECAUSE HE *COULDN'T*, SALLY!

HE  
DIDN'T KNOW  
WHAT BECAME  
OF MOTHER  
AND I--

--SO HE  
BELIEVED  
ANYTHING HE  
SAID WOULD  
ONLY HURT  
YOU!

SINCE  
YOU WERE THE  
*ONLY*  
FAMILY HE HAD  
LEFT--

--*PROTECTING* YOU  
FROM EVERYTHING WAS ALWAYS  
HIS *FIRST PRIORITY*!

WHETHER OR NOT  
WE *AGREE* WITH OUR  
FATHER'S DECISIONS--

--HIS LOVE FOR US IS  
*UNQUESTIONABLE*!

KNOWING WHAT YOU  
KNOW, IF YOU WERE IN  
FATHER'S SHOES AND LOST  
YOUR WIFE AND SON, WOULD YOU  
DO THE SAME AS HE DID?

LIFE IS  
NOT A MATH  
EQUATION,  
SALLY!

GIVE SEVEN  
INDIVIDUALS THE  
SAME SITUATION,  
AND YOU'LL GET  
SEVEN DIFFERENT  
RESPONSES!

THE *BEST*  
ONES, THOUGH,  
COME FROM THE  
HEART!

WHEN YOU  
HAVE TO MAKE  
A DIFFICULT  
DECISION, DOES  
THAT MEAN  
YOU CARE ANY  
LESS?





I SUPPOSE NOT.

AND NEITHER DOES OUR FATHER.



WHAT'S THAT SUPPOSED TO MEAN?

THAT MY FATHER IS ALWAYS RIGHT?



YOUR FATHER IS ONE WITH THE *SOURCE*, FULLY AWARE OF THE CONSEQUENCES OF EACH ACTION HE TAKES!

3 GASPE  
THAT'S--THAT'S ME AS THE QUEEN!

NOTHING THAT ONE WHO IS BOUND WITH THE *SOURCE* DOES IS EVER DONE LIGHTLY!



ARE YOU SAYING MY FATHER IS AWARE OF THINGS TO COME?

AS YOU WOULD BE-- SHOULD YOU COMPLETE THE CYCLE!

BEHOLD-- MOBIUS-- ALMOST TWENTY YEARS LATER...









"WHAT ABOUT SONIC?"



YOU EITHER  
SEE IT THROUGH OR  
FOREVER FORFEIT  
YOUR BIRTHRIGHT!



THAT IS  
CORRECT.



YOU REALIZE  
THAT ONCE YOU MAKE  
YOUR DECISION--

--THERE'S  
NO TURNING  
BACK?





SALLY?

ARE  
YOU ALL  
RIGHT?



MAYBE BONDING WITH  
THE *SOURCE* OF ALL  
WAS THE RIGHT THING  
FOR MY FATHER AND ALL  
OF MY ANCESTORS WHO  
CAME BEFORE--

--BUT IT *WASN'T* THE  
RIGHT PATH FOR *ME*!



WELL?

I KNOW YOU  
BELIEVE I *DESERVE*  
TO SUCCEED OUR  
FATHER--



--BUT I CAN'T  
FOLLOW THE PATH THAT  
OTHERS HAVE. I HAVE TO  
FIND MY OWN WAY!

TAKE CARE,  
MY BROTHER!


FOR ONCE, THE  
CHOICE WAS *MINE*.

I HAD DECIDED TO FOLLOW  
MY *HEART*, AND I CAN LIVE  
WITH THAT.



End





IT'S STILL  
NOT TOO LATE,  
HERSH!

YOU CAN TAKE  
*POINT* WHILE I GO  
CRAWLING AROUND  
THE *DRAGON'S*  
DEN INSTEAD!

I *CAN* DO THIS,  
COMMANDER!

GETTING THROUGH  
THE *DUCTWORK* WILL  
BE A LOT *SMOOTHER*  
FOR ME THAN YOU!

BESIDES, YOU  
WON'T BE ABLE TO  
*SUPERVISE* US ON  
*EVERY* MISSION!

SOONER OR LATER, YOU'RE  
GOING TO HAVE TO ORDER US  
TO GO.

**HERSHEY SOLO**





I CAN SEE IT'S  
*USELESS* TO  
ARGUE WITH  
YOU!

JUST MAKE  
SURE YOU  
RETURN IN  
*ONE PIECE!*

I HAVE *NINE*  
LIVES,  
COMMANDER!

WHAT COULD  
GO SO  
*WRONG?*

EVERYTHING --



-- SO HERE'S HOPING  
*NOTHING* DOES!"

WELL, HERE  
GOES, GIRL --



IT'S  
*SHOW*  
TIME!



CAREFUL,  
HERSH!



YOU DON'T WANT  
TO DRAW  
ATTENTION AFTER  
MAKING IT SO FAR!

**WHUMF!**



ESPECIALLY  
THE EGG  
MAN'S!

PROBABLY DUMB  
LUCK HE DIDN'T  
HEAR ME LAND!

AND SPEAK OF  
THE DEVIL --

-- HE'S THE MAJOR  
OBSTACLE STANDING  
BETWEEN ME AND THE  
MISSION OBJECTIVE!

IT'S GOOD TO SEE  
YOU AGAIN, GENERAL  
D'COULETTE!

I TRUST  
EVERYTHING IS  
BACK TO  
STATUS QUO?

NOT  
QUITE,  
SIR!

I'LL HAVE  
REINFORCEMENTS  
DISPATCHED  
IMMEDIATELY!

A CERTAIN  
RADICAL IS  
DOING HIS BEST  
TO FRUSTRATE  
US!

I NEED A  
DISTRACTION TO  
LURE HIM AWAY  
FROM THERE!

COMMANDER, I  
COULD REALLY  
GO FOR A  
SUCKER RIGHT  
ABOUT NOW!

READ YOU LOUD AND  
CLEAR,  
HERSH!

GET  
READY!





**Ka-BOOM!**

SO THE  
*RODENTS* ARE  
GETTING *FRISKY*,  
ARE THEY?

**DELTA TWO  
AND NINE!**

**ROGER!**

**WILCO!**

THAT SURE  
DID THE TRICK  
-- *NOT!*

SO  
WHAT  
NOW?

WHAT IF THE  
*THREAT* WERE  
MORE --  
*LOCAL?*

TAKE A  
*SQUADRON* OF  
SHADOWBOTS AND  
GO PUT OUT THE  
*FIRE!*

AND SHOULD  
YOU *ENCOUNTER*  
THAT WRETCHED  
HEDGEHOG  
*SONIC* --

-- BRING  
HIM TO  
ME!

HMMM...





-- BOTH  
FIGURATIVELY AND  
LITERALLY!

WITH THE  
PRESS OF A  
BUTTON, THE  
HAND MINE  
IS SET --

-- AND ON  
ITS WAY!

I JUST HAVE  
TO CROSS MY  
FINGERS THIS  
PLAN DOESN'T  
**BLOW UP** IN  
MY FACE --



WHAT'S  
THAT?

COULD IT BE THE  
**RODENTS** ARE FAR  
**BOLDER** THAN I FIRST  
THOUGHT?

IF THAT'S  
THE CASE --



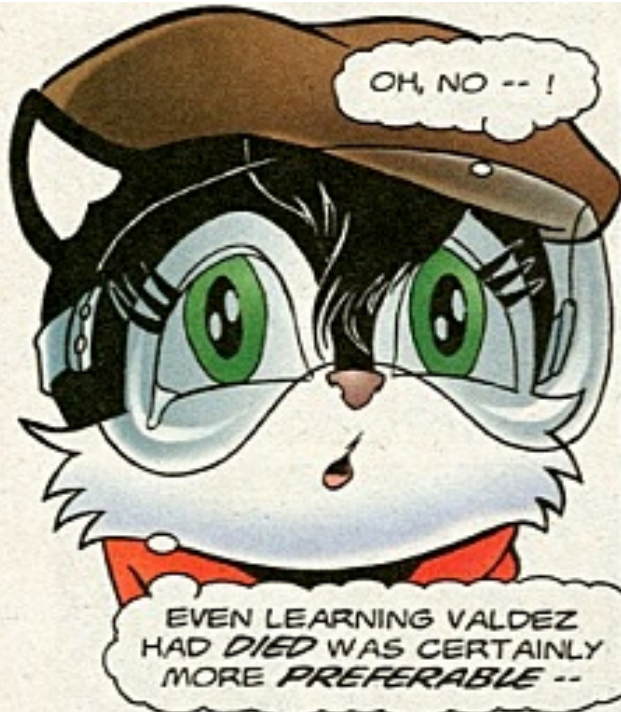
-- THIS MAY  
WARRANT  
MY CLOSE,  
**PERSONAL**  
ATTENTION!



I'M IN **LUCK**! HE  
DIDN'T ACTIVATE THE  
**SECURITY CODES**!

NOW ACCESSING  
THE **DATABASE**  
IN REGARDS TO  
**VALDEZ** AND --







# LUPE AND THE WOLFPACK FAMILY

SOMEWHERE OUT IN THE WESTERN FLATS...

RETURNING HOME MAY NOT HAVE BEEN THE WISEST OF CHOICES, SENORITA!

ALL THAT REMAIN ARE THE DEVASTATED RUINS OF OUR ONCE PROUD CITY FROM THE DESPICABLE ROBOTNIK!

BE THAT AS IT MAY, REYNARD--

--WHILE WE MAY NOT FIND OUR LOVED ONES HERE--

--THERE'S ALWAYS THE POSSIBILITY OF FINDING OUT WHERE THEY'VE GONE!







AS MUCH AS I WANT TO BELIEVE OTHERWISE--

--I CAN'T SEE A THING THAT GIVES ME HOPE!

DIABLO MAY HAVE A POINT, LUPE--



-- THERE MAY NOT BE ANYTHING LEFT FOR US TO FIND!

DON'T EVEN THINK IT, CANUS!



WE CAN PRESS ON WITH OUR SEARCH, SENORITA--

-- BUT I, TOO, AM BEGINNING TO FEEL IT WILL ALL BE IN VAIN!



I CAN'T BLAME ANY OF YOU FOR FEELING THE WAY YOU DO!

BUT I KNOW LOBO--

--AND I KNOW HE WOULD NEVER GO WITHOUT LEAVING BEHIND SOME SIGN FOR ME!



FWOOOSH!



BTUUM!  
GAS!

EVERYBODY!!  
HOLD--YOUR--NOSE...





WHERE  
THE HECK  
ARE WE?

SOME  
PLACE WHERE  
THE  
PLUMBING IS  
IN DESPERATE  
NEED OF  
REPAIR WOULD  
BE MY FIRST  
GUESS!

WHILE I CAN  
APPRECIATE THE NEED  
FOR LEVITY AT A TIME  
LIKE THIS, I THINK WE'RE  
HAVING COMPANY!

THAT  
SOUNDS LIKE  
METAL  
CLANGING ALONG  
THE CONCRETE  
FLOOR!

A  
SWATBOT,  
PERHAPS?



THEY'RE  
NOT  
SWAT-  
BOTS!!

IT'S LOBO!!  
AND  
MARCOS  
AND MARIA  
-- MY  
CHILDREN!!!



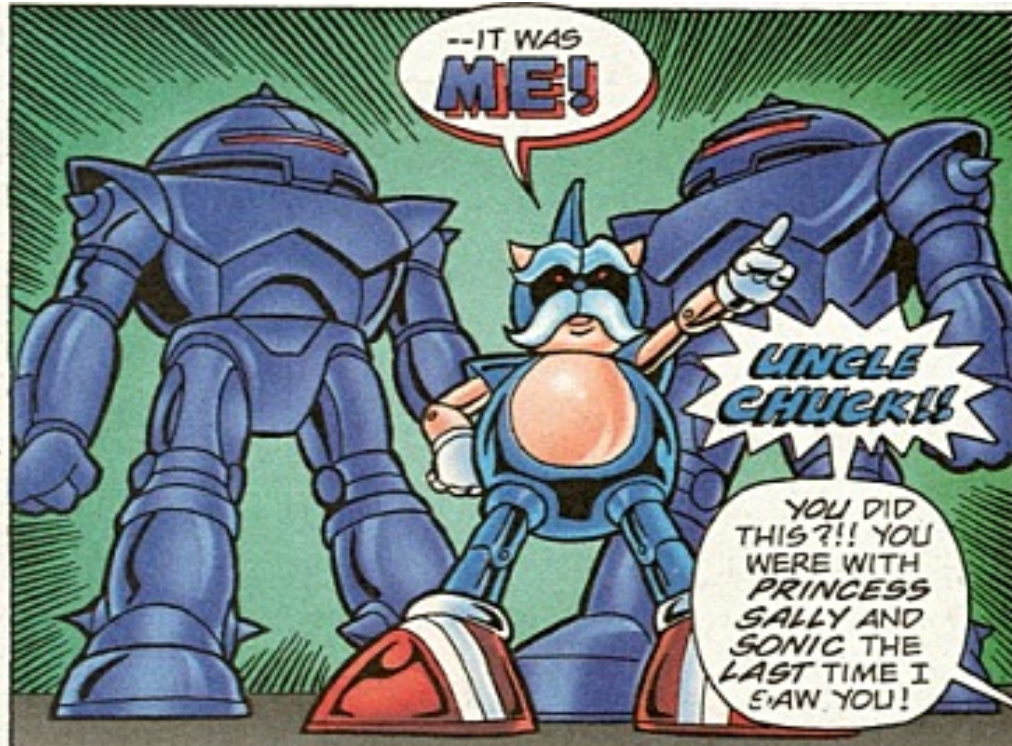
WHAT  
HAPPENED?  
WHO DID  
THIS TO  
YOU?!!



I THOUGHT IT  
OBVIOUS  
AS TO WHAT  
HAPPENED!

AS FOR  
WHO--

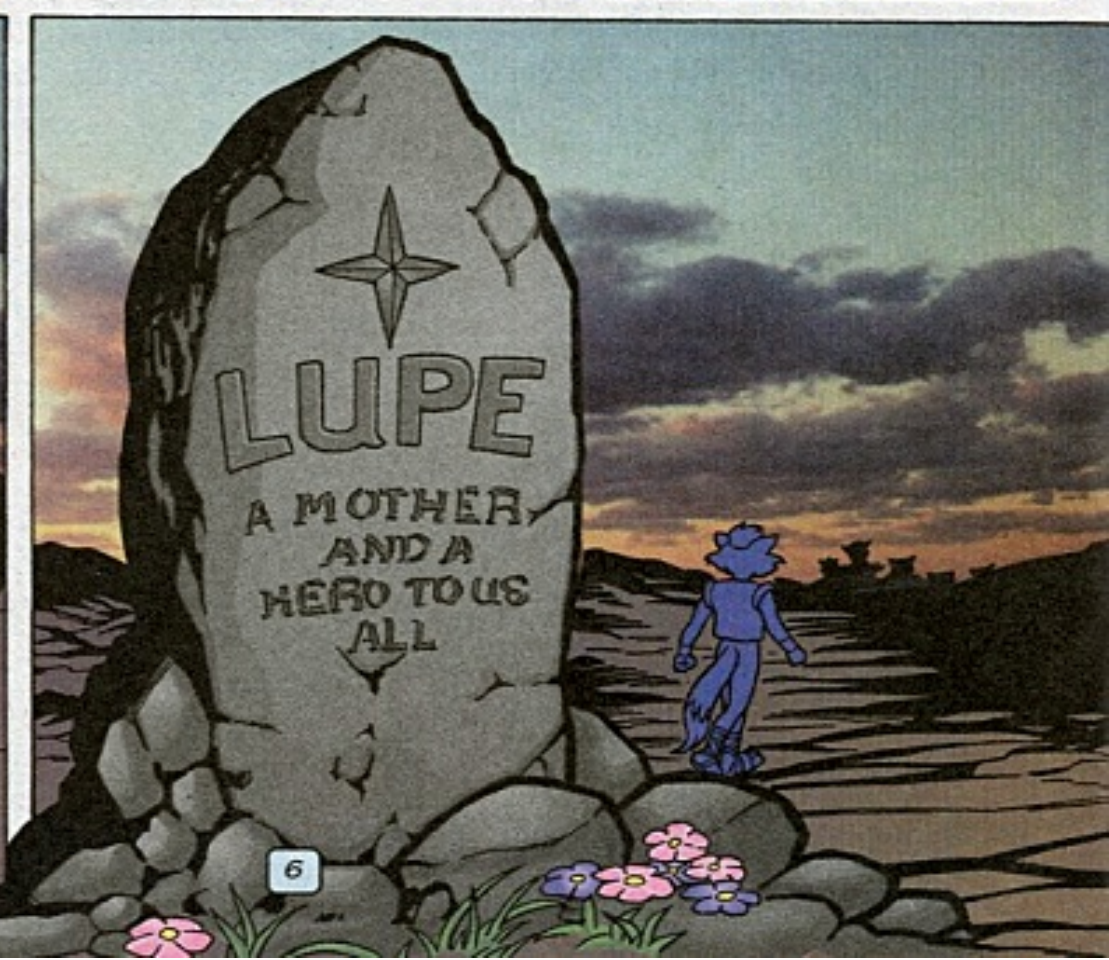














# BUNNIE RAB-BOT

## -IN- UPGRADE

HER  
LIFE SIGNS  
ARE FINALLY  
STABILIZING,  
DOCTOR!

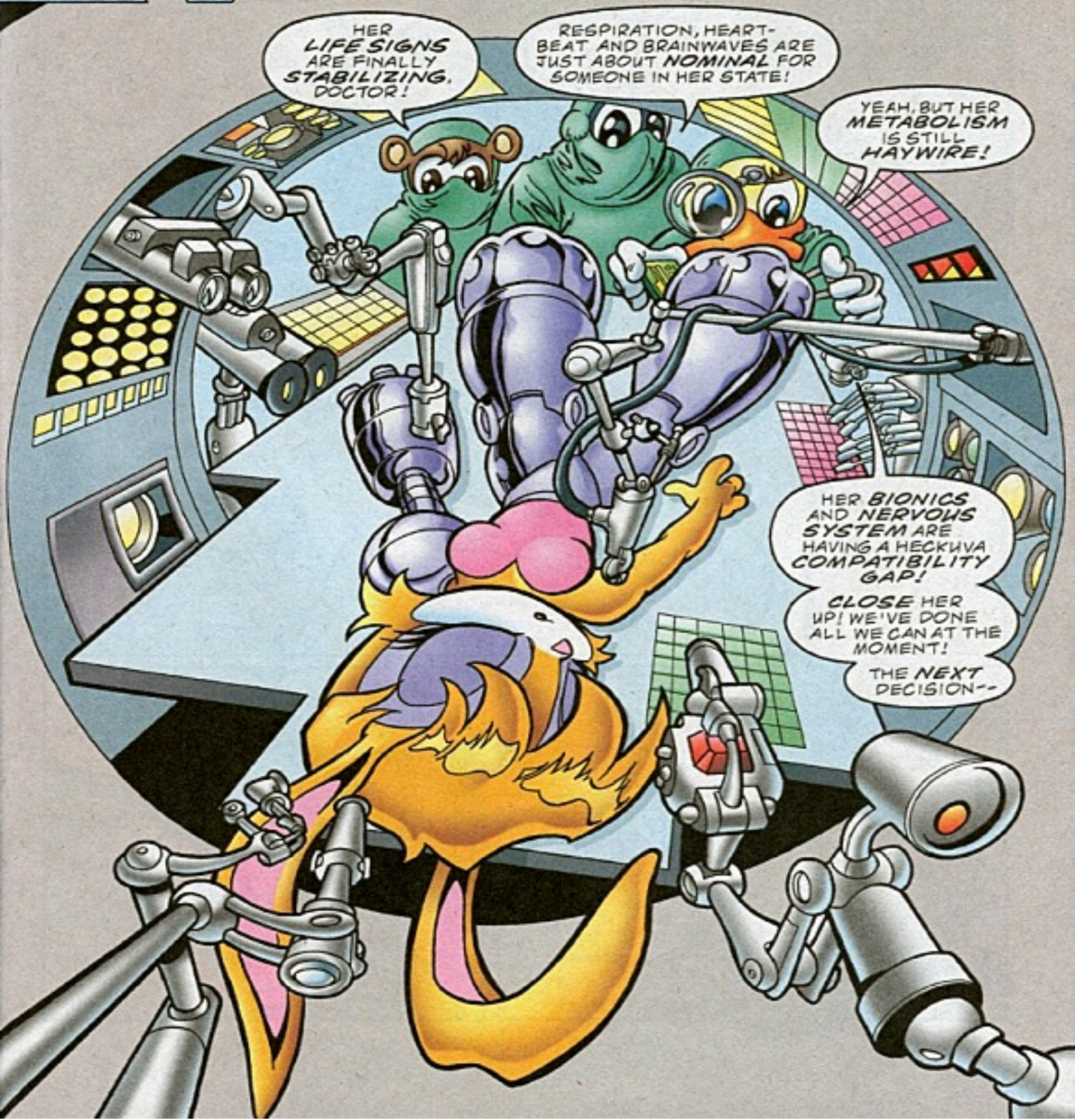
RESPIRATION, HEART-  
BEAT AND BRAINWAVES ARE  
JUST ABOUT **NOMINAL** FOR  
SOMEONE IN HER STATE!

YEAH, BUT HER  
METABOLISM  
IS STILL  
HAYWIRE!

HER **BIONICS**  
AND **NERVOUS**  
SYSTEM ARE  
HAVING A HECKUVA  
COMPATIBILITY  
GAP!

**CLOSE HER**  
UP! WE'VE DONE  
ALL WE CAN AT THE  
MOMENT!

THE **NEXT**  
DECISION--







"...IS  
HERS!"

**BUNNIE!!**

WHAT  
IS *WRONG*,  
MACHÉRIE?



SUGAR-  
TWAN, I'M  
--GETTING--  
PIZZY--  
--CAN'T--  
--HOLD--  
--UHH...



MA  
CHÉRIE!  
SHE NEEDS  
A DOCTAIRE!

**WHOOOM**

...AND SHE  
COLLAPSED  
JUST LIKE  
ZAT!



WE'LL TAKE  
GOOD CARE OF  
HER, LAD!

NOW JUST  
HANG HERE--

--WHILE WE  
PREPARE HER FOR  
SURGERY!



**SLAM**

SURGERY?!

I'VE NEVER  
SEEN ANYTHING  
QUITE LIKE HER  
BEFORE!

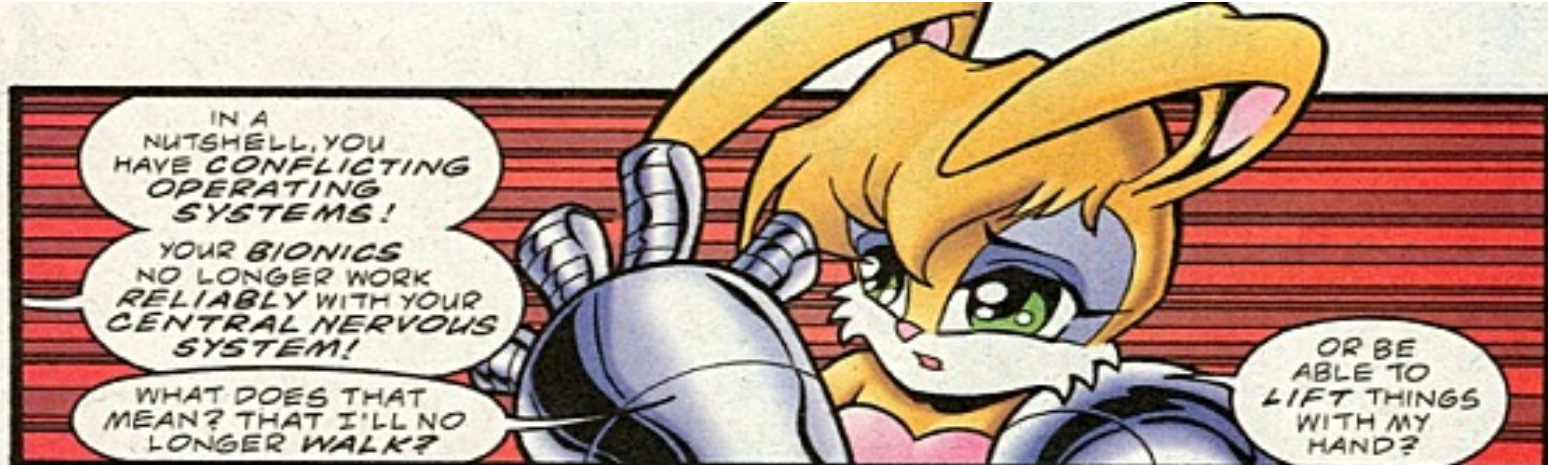
UNTIL I GET THE  
LAB REPORTS  
BACK, THE BEST  
THING I CAN PRE-  
SCRIBE FOR  
HER--











IN A NUTSHELL, YOU HAVE CONFLICTING OPERATING SYSTEMS!

YOUR BIONICS NO LONGER WORK RELIABLY WITH YOUR CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM!

WHAT DOES THAT MEAN? THAT I'LL NO LONGER WALK?

OR BE ABLE TO LIFT THINGS WITH MY HAND?



I'M AFRAID IT'S WORSE THAN THAT, BUNNIE!

AS YOUR BIONICS CONTINUE TO DETERIORATE, EVENTUALLY THEY'LL SHUT DOWN AND BECOME TOXIC TO THE ORGANIC PART OF YOUR BODY!

FROM WHAT WE CAN TELL FROM THE TESTS, IT'S AS IF YOUR BODY WAS AT WAR WITH ITSELF, DETERMINED TO BE EITHER ALL-ORGANIC OR ALL-ROBOTIC!



DOES THAT MEAN I'M GOING TO--TO--

--DIE?

IF WE DO NOTHING THAT'S CERTAINLY A PROBABILITY!

SO WHAT ARE MY OPTIONS, DOC?

YOU ONLY HAVE THREE OTHER ALTERNATIVES TO CHOOSE FROM:

DISCONNECT YOUR ROBOTIC LIMBS FROM YOUR BODY, A HARDWARE UPGRADE WITH NO POSSIBILITY OF EVER BEING DEROBOTICIZED...

...OR CHANCING A DEROBOTIZATION PROCESS, AFTER ALL THE MODIFICATIONS, WHERE THE ODDS OF YOUR SURVIVAL ARE A BILLION-TO-ONE!



WHAT WOULD YOU DO, DOC, IF YOU WERE ME?

THAT DEPENDS ON WHICH ANSWER I COULD LIVE WITH THE REST OF MY LIFE!



THAT'S A GOOD ONE, DOC!

I'LL HAVE TO GET BACK TO YOU ON THAT!









THERE!

THAT  
SHOULD DO  
THE TRICK!

NOW HOW  
ABOUT TRYING  
IT ON?

WELL, IT  
SHOAH DOES  
FEEL FINE AND  
LOOKS EVEN  
BETTAAH!

ARE YOU  
CERTAIN I WON'T  
HAVE THE SAME  
PROBLEM AGAIN  
WITH THIS HEAH  
SET-UP?

ABSOLUTELY!

IF YOU GIVE  
ME A FEW MINUTES,  
I CAN GO OVER ALL  
THE **TECHNICAL**  
DETAILS WITH  
YOU!

AS LONG  
AS IT WORKS,  
I CAN LIVE  
WITH THAT!

WATCH OUT,  
WORLD--

--HERE I  
COME, **BETTAAH**  
THAN EVAH!

YOU GO,  
GIRL!

THE  
END



PERSONAL LOG:  
SKYDATE 458.9.28.  
I CAN'T BEAR IT ANYMORE.  
I HAVE TO KNOW.

MY VISOR  
READOUT SHOWS  
THE COMPLEX--  
DEAD AHEAD!

I CAN'T GO FORWARD WITH  
MY LIFE UNTIL I KNOW MY  
PAST.

AFTER GIVING THE MATTER  
MUCH THOUGHT--

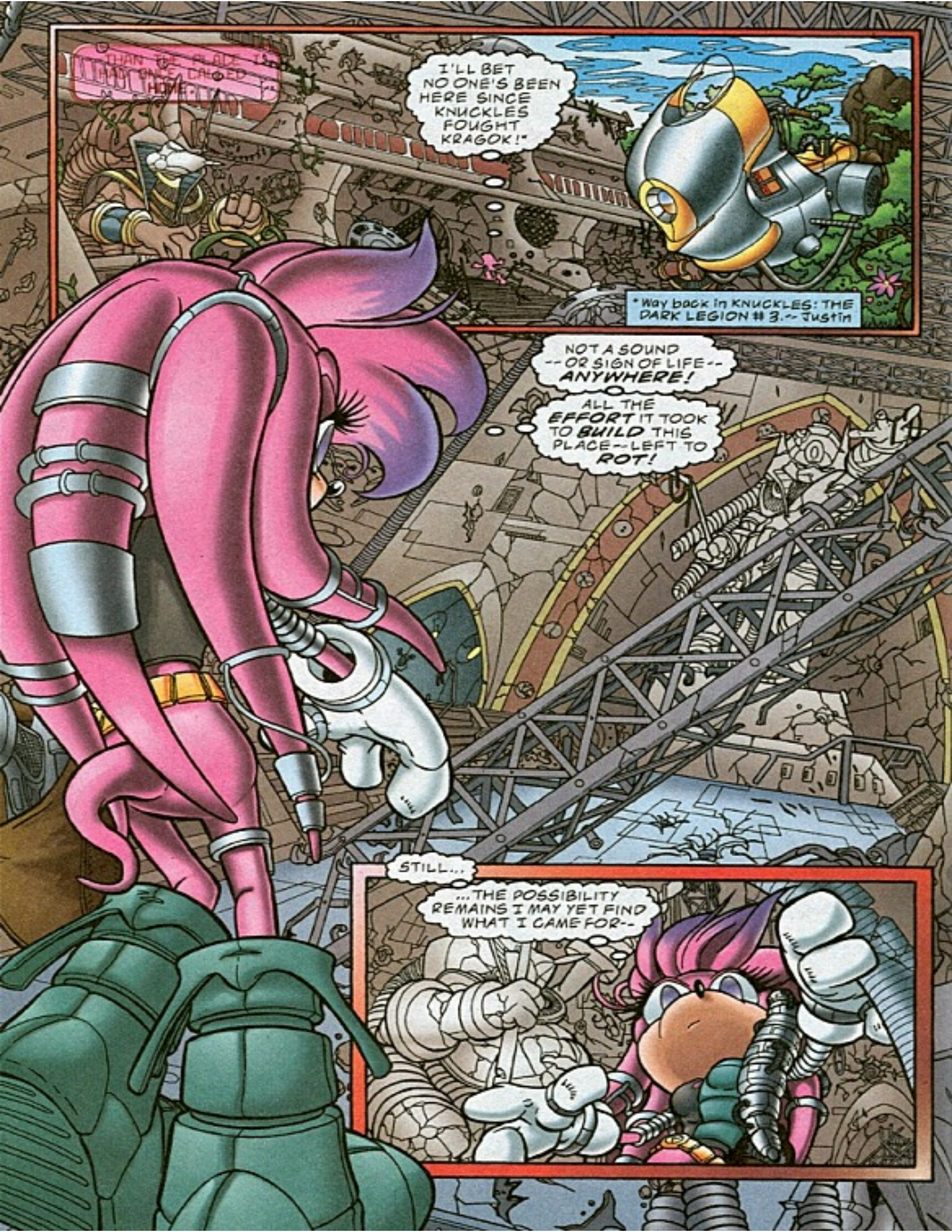
# JULIE-SU IN: SHADOWS

--I'VE DECIDED TO RETURN  
TO THE LAST PLACE I EVER  
EXPECTED TO VISIT...

WHERE ELSE COULD I  
BEGIN MY QUEST--







THAN THE PLACE IS  
HAD ONLY CALLED  
MAY HAVE BEEN

I'LL BET  
NO ONE'S BEEN  
HERE SINCE  
KNUCKLES  
FOUGHT  
KRAGOK!

\* Way back in KNUCKLES: THE  
DARK LEGION # 3. ~ Justin

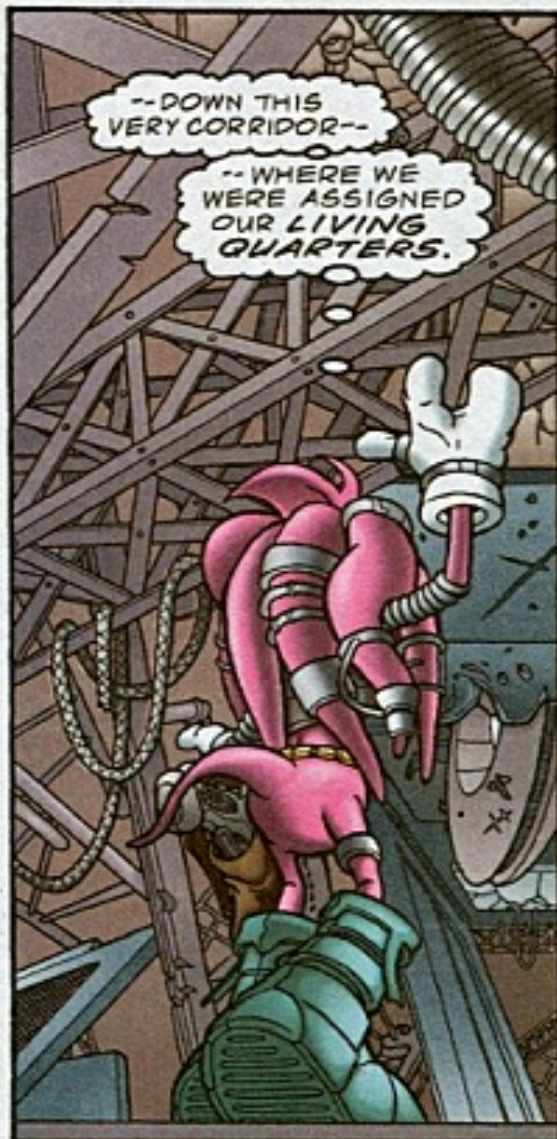
NOT A SOUND  
-- OR SIGN OF LIFE --  
ANYWHERE!

ALL THE  
EFFORT IT TOOK  
TO BUILD THIS  
PLACE -- LEFT TO  
ROT!

STILL...

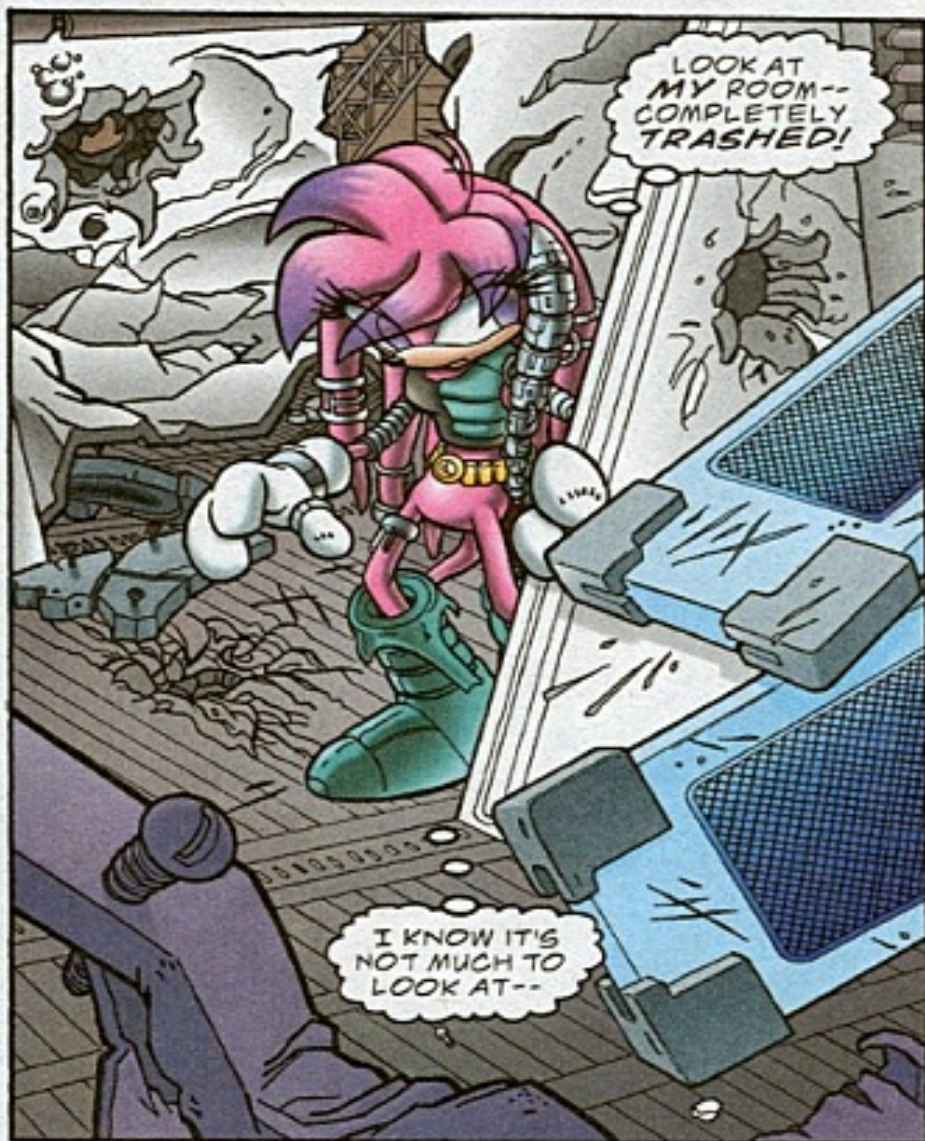
...THE POSSIBILITY  
REMAINS I MAY YET FIND  
WHAT I CAME FOR--





--DOWN THIS  
VERY CORRIDOR--

--WHERE WE  
WERE ASSIGNED  
OUR LIVING  
QUARTERS.



LOOK AT  
MY ROOM--  
COMPLETELY  
TRASHED!

I KNOW IT'S  
NOT MUCH TO  
LOOK AT--

"--BUT IT'S FUNNY  
LOOKING AT THE  
SPOT WHERE I USED  
TO REST SIX HOURS--



"--THEN WAKE EVERY  
MORNING AT PRECISELY  
6am FOR MY SONIC  
SHOWER--



"--WHEREUPON I  
WOULD DRESS AND  
BEGIN MY DAY...



LEGIONNAIRE  
JULIE-SU, PLEASE  
REPORT TO THE  
MAIN  
COMMAND  
CENTER!






LEGIONNAIRE  
TULIE-SU REPORTING  
AS ORDERED,  
SIR!

TAKE OVER  
AT NAVIGATION,  
LEGIONNAIRE!

AS YOU  
COMMAND!

"FOR SOME REASON, I ALWAYS  
FELT LIKE *KRAGOK* AND  
HIS SECOND-IN-COMMAND, WHO  
EVERYONE REFERRED TO AS  
*KOMMISSAR*, WERE CONSTANTLY  
WATCHING ME!



"WHATEVER  
THEIR REASONS  
FOR DOING SO, I  
NEVER LEARNED..."

WE'D HAVE  
BEEN BETTER  
OFF IF FATHER  
HAD SIMPLY  
**JETTISONED**  
HER OUT OF AN  
AIRLOCK YEARS  
AGO!

**FHHUUUMMM**

HOLD IT!  
THAT SOUNDED  
LIKE A DOOR  
SLIDING  
OPEN!

COULD SOME-  
ONE ELSE BE  
LURKING AROUND  
AS WELL?





IT  
SOUNDED  
LIKE IT CAME  
FROM UP  
THERE-- PAST  
THE  
ARMORY!

"I WAS OUTFITTED WITH  
MY *TASER* IN THERE  
JUST BEFORE KNUCKLES  
HIT THE SCENE!"



CONSIDERING  
I SHOULD BE THE  
*ONLY* ONE HERE,  
A *PRECAUTION*  
OR TWO SHOULDN'T  
HURT!



WELL,  
I'LL BE--

*FOOTSTEPS*  
COMING FROM  
DOWN THIS  
CORRIDOR!



NOT TO  
MENTION A  
*LIGHT--*

--COMING  
FROM *IN*  
THERE!







SOMEONE  
IS HERE, ALL  
RIGHT!

I CAN HEAR  
WHOEVER IT IS  
RUMMAGING  
AROUND INSIDE  
THAT OFFICE!



W  
R  
R  
R  
P

OH  
NO!

I  
ACTIVATED  
THE SECURITY  
SHIELD!



WOOF!

W  
H  
A  
M



NOTHING  
LIKE GETTING  
THE STUFFING  
SLAMMED OUT  
OF YOU!

HOLD  
IT RIGHT  
THERE!

WHO ARE  
YOU? WHAT DO  
YOU THINK  
YOU'RE  
DOING?

JULIE-SH?





YOU DON'T  
**REMEMBER**  
ME, DO YOU,  
CHILD? MY NAME  
IS **SIMON!**

Ahh, I'M NOT  
SURPRISED, AS I  
DIDN'T HAVE AS  
MUCH CONTACT  
WITH YOU AS MY  
DARLING  
**FLOREN-CA!**

**KRAGOK**  
SAW TO THAT!

YOU  
KNOW  
ME?



EVER SINCE  
YOU WERE BUT  
AN INFANT!

ONCE WE  
LEARNED YOU  
HAD RETURNED,  
**FLOREN-CA** AND  
I WANTED TO  
MAKE  
CONTACT!

SHE MISSES  
YOU SO VERY  
MUCH, MY  
DEAR!



HOW DO I  
KNOW YOU'RE  
TELLING THE  
**TRUTH?**

A **FAIR**  
QUESTION AND WELL  
DESERVED!

HEAVEN KNOWS  
WE ECHIDNAS ARE A  
**PRIVATE** PEOPLE,  
NOT EASILY GIVEN TO  
DISCUSS **PERSONAL**  
MATTERS WITH  
OTHERS.

WE WANT NOTHING,  
CHILD, EXCEPT TO COM-  
MUNICATE WITH SHE  
WHOM WE **RAISED** AS IF  
SHE WERE OUR OWN  
**DAUGHTER!**

DAUGHTER?



ARE YOU SAYING YOU'RE MY FATHER?

NO, BUT I MIGHT AS WELL BE.

CONSIDERING THE LOT YOU WERE BORN INTO, IT'S A WONDER YOU TURNED OUT AS WELL AS YOU DID!

WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT ME?

MORE THAN SOME PEOPLE WISH I DID!



OVER THIRTY YEARS AGO OUR TIME MORITORI REX'S SON LUGER TOOK A BRIDE, THE FAIR MERIN-DA AND BEFORE LONG SHE BORE HIM THEIR TWIN CHILDREN, KRAGOK AND LIEN-DA...

AREN'T THEY BEAUTIFUL, LUGER?

THEY WILL BE WORTHY HEIRS TO DIMITRI!

"WHEN THE CHILDREN WERE ROUGHLY EIGHT YEARS OF AGE, THE PORTAL BETWEEN THE ZONE STEPPENWOLF EXILED OUR KIND TO AND THE FLOATING ISLAND OPENED UP...

WE ARE FREE ONCE MORE, MY CHILDREN!

FREE TO RECLAIM WHAT SHOULD BE OURS!

"UNFORTUNATELY, THE ENVIRONMENT WOULD PROVE MOST INHOSPITABLE TO MERIN-DA...

I NEED TO REST, LUGER!

I FEEL AS THOUGH I'M BURNING UP!

"FOR THE FIRST TIME, THE DARK LEGION RETURNED WILLINGLY TO THE ZONE, BUT TO NO AVAIL.

"MERIN-DA STILL SUC-CUMBED TO WHATEVER AILED HER AND PASSED INTO THE REALM BEYOND...



"SEVERAL YEARS WOULD PASS BEFORE LUGER RECOVERED FROM HIS LOSS, BUT WHEN HE DID, HE ALSO FOUND THE FAIR MARI-SU, WHO WOULD PROVE VERY MUCH TO BE EVERY BIT AS CAPABLE AS HE...



"WHILE LUGER MAY HAVE VIEWED HER AS A POTENTIAL MATE AND PARTNER, OTHERS-- MORE SPECIFICALLY KRAGOK AND LEIN-DA, ABOUT SIXTEEN YEARS OLD AT THIS POINT-- SAW MARI-SU AS A THREAT TO THEIR OWN AMBITIONS...



THE NERVE OF FATHER! HE NEVER ASKED WHAT WE THOUGHT!

"IF HE WAS DISPLEASED WITH HIS CHILDREN'S REACTION LUGER NEVER BETRAYED ANY OUTWARD SIGNS, ESPECIALLY ON THE DAY HE TOOK MARI-SU TO BE HIS WIFE...



I DO.

"A YEAR OR SO LATER YOU WERE BORN...

DON'T CRY, JULIE-SU!

DADDY WILL BE HERE AS SOON AS HE FINISHES WORK!

"I TELL YOU, MY DEAR, IT BROKE OUR HEARTS TO SEE YOU GROWING UP, ESPECIALLY AS A TODDLER!

"THERE YOU WERE, WANTING SO BADLY TO PLAY WITH YOUR HALF-BROTHER AND HALF-SISTER--

--ONLY TO BE COMPLETELY IGNORED AND SHUNNED BY THEM!

"JUST WHEN WE THOUGHT IT COULDN'T GET ANY WORSE FOR YOU--



"--THAT'S WHEN MARI-SU MET WITH A TRAGIC ACCIDENT WHICH CLAIMED HER LIFE!

GOOD RIDDANCE!



"LUGER DIDN'T KNOW THE FIRST THING ABOUT RAISING A CHILD, SO HE ENTRUSTED YOU INTO THE CARE OF MY WIFE FLOREN-CA...

I'M SORRY, JULIE-SU, BUT I JUST DON'T HAVE THE TIME!

FLOREN-CA WILL TAKE WONDERFUL CARE OF YOU!



"NOT LONG AFTER, LUGER DISAPPEARED WITHOUT A TRACE, NEVER TO BE SEEN AGAIN.

"TO THIS DAY, NO ONE KNOWS WHAT REALLY HAPPENED, THOUGH I HAVE MY SUSPICIONS...

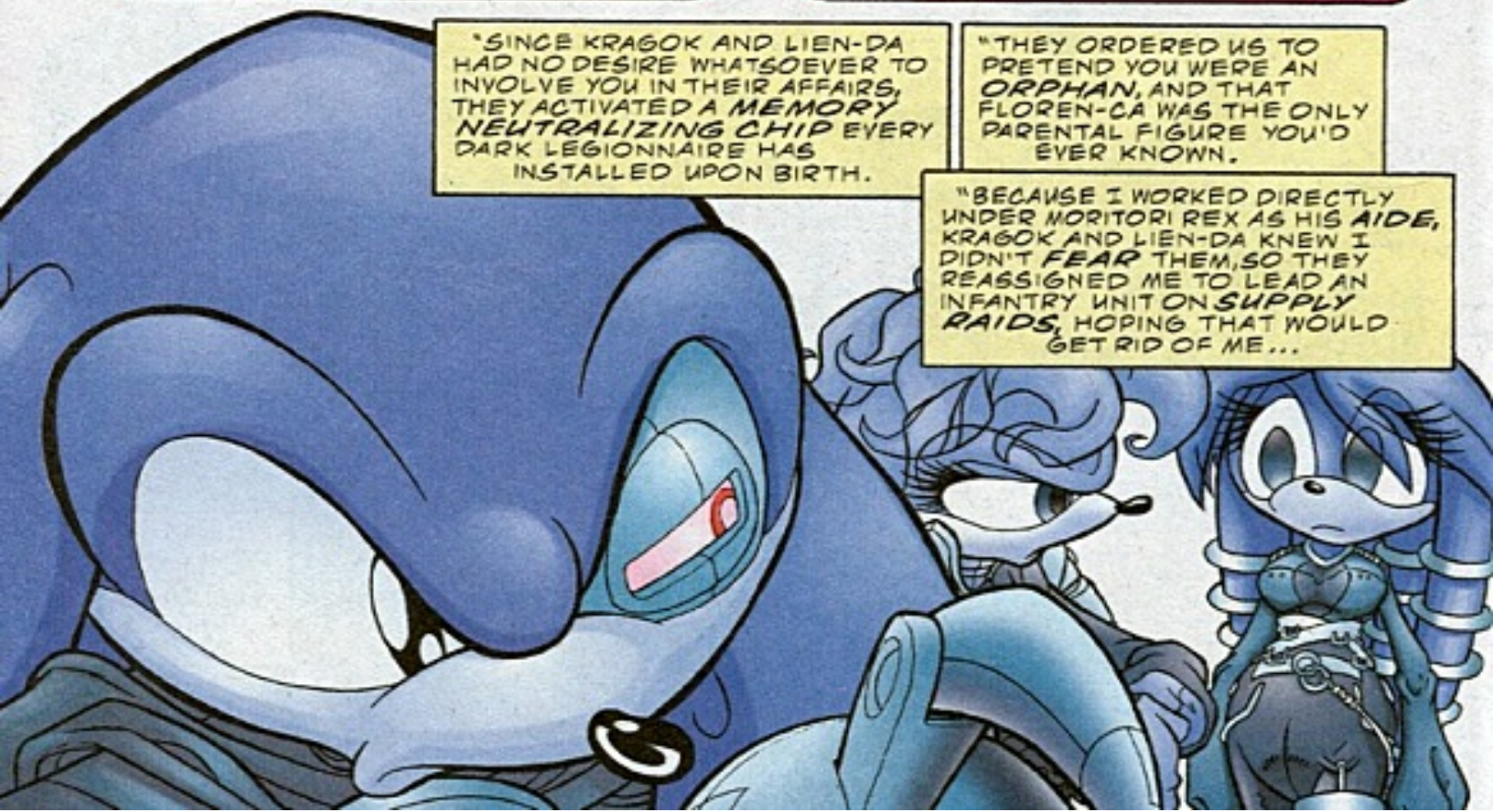
"IN ANY EVENT, THERE WASN'T ANY DISCONTENT AMONG THE RANK-AND-FILE WHEN KRAGOK SEIZED POWER SHORTLY THEREAFTER...



"SINCE KRAGOK AND LIEN-DA HAD NO DESIRE WHATSOEVER TO INVOLVE YOU IN THEIR AFFAIRS, THEY ACTIVATED A MEMORY NEUTRALIZING CHIP EVERY DARK LEGIONNAIRE HAS INSTALLED UPON BIRTH.

"THEY ORDERED US TO PRETEND YOU WERE AN ORPHAN, AND THAT FLOREN-CA WAS THE ONLY PARENTAL FIGURE YOU'D EVER KNOWN.

"BECAUSE I WORKED DIRECTLY UNDER MORITORI REX AS HIS AIDE, KRAGOK AND LIEN-DA KNEW I DIDN'T FEAR THEM, SO THEY REASSIGNED ME TO LEAD AN INFANTRY UNIT ON SUPPLY RAIDS, HOPING THAT WOULD GET RID OF ME...





EVEN THAT WASN'T ENOUGH! EVENTUALLY, THEY TOOK YOU AWAY FROM FLOREN-CA!

SHE TOOK CARE OF YOU FOR ALMOST EIGHT YEARS! AND YOU BECAME THE DAUGHTER WE NEVER HAD!

SO WHY DON'T I REMEMBER ANY OF THIS? ESPECIALLY FLOREN-CA?

WE FIGURED KRAGOK AND LIEN-DA MUST HAVE PERFORMED A MIND-WIPE ON YOU!

WHEN WE DISCOVERED YOU WERE ALIVE AND WELL, I CAME HERE TO GATHER EVIDENCE FOR YOUR BENEFIT!

IF YOU REALLY WERE WITH THE LEGION YOU'D HAVE KNOWN I WAS ALWAYS AROUND!

SHORTLY AFTER THEY'D TAKEN YOU, THE PORTAL OPENED AGAIN.

THAT'S WHEN I MADE THE DECISION TO TAKE FLOREN-CA AND SETTLE ON THE FLOATING ISLAND!

SO WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

LET'S GO HOME, CHILD!

I KNOW SOMEONE WHO WOULD DEARLY LOVE TO SEE YOU!

WHAT ARE WE WAITING FOR?

LET'S GO!

A BEGINNING



# SONIC GRAMS

## SPECIAL



OFF PANEL By Gallagher, Manak & Harvo



Promotional illustration.  
Not representative of the cover.

The upcoming "SONIC ADVENTURE" storyline on sale late November continuing well into the year 2000. It is so huge that it's taking multiple issues of SONIC THE HEDGEHOG and one 48-page SONIC SUPER SPECIAL (#14) to tell the story. All that, my friends, is for the official game adaptation to "SONIC ADVENTURE!" As you know from all the commercials by now, this game can only be played on one new system: SEGA's DREAMCAST -- "the ultimate gaming machine" -- debuting on 9/9/99! This high-speed thrill ride sets Sonic loose in a fantastic new 3-D adventure at speeds of up to 60 frames per second! With breathtaking graphics, six playable characters, full 360 degree movement in expansive 3-D worlds (and even "mini-games" to discover), "SONIC ADVENTURE" shows gamers the future of videogames today, using the power of SEGA Dreamcast.

Next issue: We promised to print the Comic Shop News storyline... and here it is in a special sideways story (you'll see). Buy SONIC SUPER SPECIAL #13 on sale January 2000!

Catch you on the flip side!

Note: Due to the overwhelming amount of e-mail and snail mail, it is impossible for us to reply personally to each and every message. However, your opinions are important to us and each message will be read. Also, due to space limitations, some correspondence may be edited. Thanks for understanding!

Send letters to:

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First order of business... as promised in SONIC SUPER SPECIAL #9 (SONIC KIDS 2), the following are the names of the first ten people to reply correctly to the first trivia question: "When was the first time we saw Sonic by the well?" The answer: SONIC THE HEDGEHOG Limited Series #0. They are:

Mary Ann Rosales  
Jennifer Lantrip  
Donald "Cinos" Eckels  
Brian Jackowski  
Kurt Jagielow  
Valerie & Victoria Venture  
Laura "Knuckles" Carden (age 12)  
Samuel Turner (age 16)  
Garrett Shumilinski  
Devon S. Higley (age 16)

Thanks, True Blue Sonic Crew!

And now a special mention to the first five who answered our second trivia question: "When will Sally kick Knuckles like that again?" The answer: "MECHA MADNESS #1" They are:

Brennan E. Doud (age 13)  
Jeremy Pesner  
Jon-Erik Johnson  
Sergio Ortiz  
Chris Monteparo  
Thanks to everyone who wrote in and now your letters:

Dear Sonic-Grams,

I just finished reading my copy of SONIC SUPER SPECIAL #9. Great job! This one is even better than SONIC SUPER SPECIAL #5! The first story, "Zoneward Bound," was quite good. Sam Maxwell and Harvo make a great team! The artwork: awesome! The second story, "My Secret Guardian," was such a lovely story. Galan's work is always a pleasure to behold. The third and last story, "Eve of Destruction," made me sad at the end but it was great. Art Mawhinney is a very good artist. I'd love it if other Sonic fans, boys and girls, would write to me so please print my full address:

T.S.T. "Dema" (age 15)  
Laugavegur 76  
101 Reykjavik  
ICELAND - ISLAND

Thanks, Dema, for your letter. It's great to know our international fans are enjoying America's comic book version of Sonic much like our stateside fans.

Dear Sonic-Grams,

I just got SONIC SUPER SPECIAL #9 and it was cool! I just loved Manny Galan and Jim Amash's art. In fact, everyone who worked on it did an excellent job. Two questions: 1) Does Tails know

his father was roboticized? 2) Is Sonic going to meet Dimitri? On a final note: I think Sonic and his friends kick butt! No way is he out of his prime!

Laurie Lemaire (age 16)  
Haileybury, Ontario  
CANADA

1) Tails knows only the generalities not the details about what happened to his parents. 2) Check out SONIC SUPER SPECIAL #12 for that one.

Dear Sonic Column,

Is there a new Sonic The Hedgehog cartoon coming out? Oh, and about SPAZI... he is the way-past coolest artist.

Cat  
Catlin 117@aol.com

The new cartoon is "Sonic Underground." Those characters showed up last issue.

Well, that's all for now. Thanks to everyone who wrote in so until next issue...

**Keep it real!**

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## COMING ATTRACTIONS

**In one week:** In the continuation of the story called "King of the Hill," Knuckles and his childhood bully, Monk, duke it out when a mysterious overlander named Hunter decides to target them both for his collection. Action and intrigue as brought to you by Ken Penders and Harvo. Also, Part Two of the 'Espio The Chameleon' solo story by Ken Penders, with art by Colleen Doran and Andrew Pepoy.



KNUCKLES THE ECHIDNA #31 on sale mid-Oct. 1999!

**In two weeks:** A new logo, a new trade dress, a new story direction! A special ceremony is conducted for our blue hero and the entire village of Knothole are out in their Sunday best for it! Look out for "A New Beginning" in the next exciting installment of Sonic The Hedgehog! This special story is brought to you by the talents of Karl Bollers, FRY and Andrew Pepoy. Also in this issue: The conclusion of "Tales of the Great War!"



SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #78 on sale late Oct. 1999!